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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action of December 4, 2002, in the above-identified patent application.

REMARKS

In the Office Action of December 4, 2002, claims 33-43 were subject to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121. In the restriction requirement, the Examiner has divided the claims into the following two (2) groups:

- I. Claims 33-35, drawn to a screening assay for inhibitors of MLK kinase, classified in class 435, subclass 15, and
- II. Claims 36-43, drawn to a method of treating neurological disorders with inhibitors to MLK activity, classified in class 514, subclass unknown.